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North Hampton Community Newsletter

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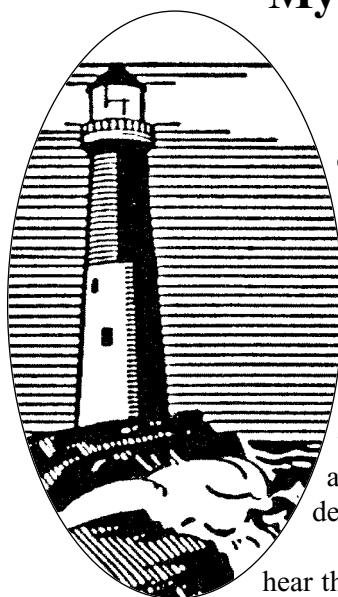
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The Lighthouse Kids Shine On

My Experience at White Island:

By: *Lizzy Blanchet*, 7th grade, NHS



It was so beautiful and peaceful. I could stay out there forever. The island was astounding and the smell was so fresh and clean. The air was a mix between the salty sea breeze and fresh, non-polluted air. We started walking around the rocks and pebbles to get up to the Keeper's cottage. While we were walking through the house, I noticed that everything around me was decaying, rusting, broken or completely gone. For example, the bathroom was destroyed. It was dusty. The sink was on the floor and we actually found a love novel on the toilet and a dead bird in the deteriorating shower.

Now as we head up towards the lighthouse we can hear the foghorn pounding through our ears. We got to the island thinking that we were not going to be able to get into the lighthouse because it was locked, but as we head back Olivia finds a way inside. We all go inside and climb stair after stair after stair. The staircase was rickety and scary. The banister was made of a rope and everything was unsteady. All of this was disconcerting. I wondered how this could be allowed to deteriorate for so long? It bothered me to think that something with so much history and which to this day provides navigational help to boaters was falling apart.

The view at the top of the White Island Lighthouse was one of the most gorgeous I have ever seen. I could see up and down the coast for miles. I could see parts of three states, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine. Maine was towards the north; Massachusetts was to the south, and from where I was standing New Hampshire was right in between both. Looking out toward the horizon, there were some lobster and fishing boats. It wasn't the calmest day so there were only a few boats scattered here and there, just going about their business. It feels good to be part of this effort to save this historical structure: The White Island Lighthouse.

Note: For more information on the White Island Lighthouse or the Lighthouse Kids, go to www.lighthousekids.org

Board of Selectmen

North Hampton School is the new venue for Voting

There will be a change in the polling place for the November 2004 and March 2005 elections. Thanks to the cooperation of the School Board and Administration, the elections will be held in the cafeteria of the North Hampton School. Your Board of Selectmen believes that the School location is better than the old Town Hall for several reasons—better handicapped access, more parking space, and a larger polling place that can accommodate more voting booths. Your Board hopes that this change will mean shorter lines on election days.

Although we had begun to consider the possibility of this change earlier this year, the process was hastened by a notice from the New Hampshire Attorney General, informing us that our Town Hall polling location was no longer acceptable as a polling place, because it was not handicapped accessible in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. While we intend to upgrade the Town Hall facility so that it is in full compliance with the State's regulations, the move to the School venue will assure that all citizens will have free and unrestricted access to the polling place this November.

Televised Board and Committee Meetings Projected for 2005

In August we signed an amendment to the Town's Cable Franchise Agreement that provides the Town with two local origination points, one of them to be installed free of charge. Initially, we plan to install one origination point at the School where, from then on, all Board and Committee meetings will be held and televised. Our system is projected to be operating in 2005. There will also be educational opportunities to involve our students in the recording and broadcasting activities. Should we need a second origination point installed, the town will maintain its option to do so. Again, we thank the School Board and Administration for their enthusiastic support of this project.

Outstanding Work by the Mosquito Control Commission

Our Thanks to **Pat Moreinis-Dodge**, **Susan Flagg**, and **Robert Hamilton** for their proactive work in waging war against North Hampton's mosquito population. Their extensive research and improvements to our data collection methods will enable us to track the success of our larvicide program more efficiently. The Commission is currently preparing a Request for Proposals for mosquito control services for the year 2005. Thanks **Pat**, **Susan**, and **Bob**.

Assessment Data Available on the Town Website As of Jan. 1, 2005

We now have a contract with Vision Appraisal Technologies to provide web hosting for our assessing information that will be available on the Internet, effective January 1, 2005. This will mean that persons seeking information about assessed property values will have another way to access that information (which has always been publicly available) without having to travel to the Town Offices.

Review of Assessing Practices

Your BOS is still aware that many citizens continue to question the validity of some of the assessments that resulted from the recent Town-wide revaluation—particularly assessments of business properties. To this end, we have scheduled a meeting with Vision Appraisal Technologies on October 12, 2004 in order to explore what appear to be discrepancies between residential and commercial assessments.

Forty- Five Thousand Dollars in Grant Money Obtained

Earlier this summer the Town obtained a thirty thousand-dollar Homeland Security grant for the acquisition of protective clothing for our Police and Fire personnel, as well as for a security ID system. More recently, the Police and Fire Departments received two grants—one for one thousand dollars and one for seven thousand dollars—for Police training and the acquisition of a training instructional aid for the Fire Department. Finally, the Highway Department recently received a seven thousand-dollar grant from the State to be used for storm water control.

Town Highway Department Facility

The Highway Department is now firmly ensconced in its new quarters on Lafayette Road. As you know, we are leasing that property until 2005, when the voters will have the opportunity to decide whether or not to purchase the entire seven-plus acre property and building. We've scheduled not only an environmental study of the property to ensure that no environmental hazards exist, but also a safety survey by the Town's liability carrier in order to ensure that our Highway Department employees are not subject to unacceptable safety risks.

~Board of Selectmen



Mystery Photo Answer:

This barn was built by **Albert Degan** in the 1940s and is located at 180 Mill Road. The lumber was cut from his own wood lot in Rye, and Rand Lumber Co. sawed the logs for him. Using stones from the surrounding walls, he did the masonry work for the foundation. **Mr. Degan** also topped the barn with a gambrel roof. The neighbors were interested in the project and came over to help him shingle. When the roof was finished, Albert Degan brought fried clams to them from Chet's White Spot (now Betty's Kitchen).

When the barn was finished, he had three cows, but soon after increased his herd to between 15 and 20, selling their milk to Badger Farms Creamery in Portsmouth. When the barn was sold later on, it was made into a house by **Gilbert and Phyllis Mahan**. It's now owned by **Ron Bisplinghoff**. (*Photo and information donated to the North Hampton Historical Society by Albert Degan's daughter, **Ethel Degan Blaney**, May 26, 2003. It is much appreciated by the Society.*)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on the third Wednesday of the month. Our regular meeting location is the upstairs conference room at the Town Offices (located on the second floor above the Police Station). Notices of our meetings are posted in the *Hampton Union*, in public places around Town, and on the Town's website.

Members include: **John Anthony Simmons**, Chairman; **Michele Peckham**, Vice-Chair; **Ted Turchan**; **Richard Luff**; **Susan Smith**; **John Woodworth**, Alternate; **Jennifer Lerner**, Alternate; **Ken Worrell**, Alternate; and **Sam Checovich**, Alternate.

We continue to hear cases that have an impact on the entire community. One such case was the Application submitted by the owners of the old paint ball facility. The Zoning Board's granting of relief to the Applicant cleared the way for its eventual consideration before the Planning Board. The most common relief sought from the Zoning Board of Adjustment is the granting of a Variance. After many years of case law under an older standard, the Supreme Court changed the standard for finding unnecessary hardship, one of five criteria that must be present for the granting of a Variance, in *Simplex Technologies v. Town of Newington*, 145 NH 727, (2001). A new case, *Michael Boccia v. City of Portsmouth* (Opinion Issued May 25, 2004), has changed the law on unnecessary hardship yet again. All requests for Variances are now distinguished between Use Variances and Area Variances.

The most common example of a Use Variance would be that of constructing a business in a residential zone where businesses are not allowed. Use Variance requests will be reviewed by the Zoning Board using the Simplex standard for unnecessary hardship.

The most common examples of an Area Variance are frontage requirements and property setback requirements. Area Variance requests will be heard using the new Boccia standard for unnecessary hardship, which may be found at: <http://www.courts.state.nh.us/supreme/opinions/bocci072.htm>

For helpful information about the Zoning Board of Adjustment, please visit the Town's website at: www.northhampton-nh.gov

As a Town Board, we are sensitive to your needs and concerns. We continue to update our Rules of Procedure and the forms and processes that we use in an ongoing effort to make coming before the Board, in whatever capacity, as 'user friendly' as possible. If you have comments or suggestions on how we can better serve you, please contact us. Our Zoning Coordinator is **Krystina Deren Arrain**. She may be reached at 964-8650 for any questions you may have about the application process or Zoning Board of Adjustment procedures.

~John Anthony Simmons, Chair



Book Discussion Group Meets

The North Hampton Library hosts a monthly book discussion group the second Thursday of each month, at 2pm. November's discussion will be of *Lost in America* by **Sherwin Nuland**, the true story of the author's relationship with his father, an aging Jewish immigrant whose life was a series of family tragedies and illness. Reviewers described the book as "both heart-breaking and breathtaking."

Anyone in the community is welcome to join our discussion, and copies of the book are available at the Library's front desk for borrowing. You can also check at the Library or on our website calendar for a list of book discussion books for the next few months.

~Pam Schwotzer, Library Director



News from the Children's Room

Children's Book Week: November 15 - 21, 2004 - Since 1919, educators, librarians, booksellers, and families have celebrated Children's Book Week during the week before Thanksgiving. The theme for this 85th annual observance is *Let's Book*. To join in the festivities of the week, the North Hampton Library will host a special party. All are invited to dress as a favorite character from a children's book or story and to bring a food or drink item featured in a children's book to share. This is your chance to dress up as Willie Wonka or Strega Nona. Please call the library at 964-6326 to let us know what you will be bringing to the party. The date and time for the party is: **Thursday, November 18th at 3:45 - 4:30pm.** (part of Book Bunch program)

Here are some interesting web links from the Children's Book Council:

75 Children's Authors and Illustrators that everyone should know

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/html/75authors.html>

13 ways to connect children with books:

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/html/13excotomg.html>

Pre-School Story Time - Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 10:30-11:00am, featuring stories, songs and crafts for ages 2-5. Pre-registration is required. Fall session ends on Wednesday, December 15th. Winter session will begin on Tuesday, January 25th. Call or stop by the Library to register.

Book Bunch, an After-School Story Hour for ages 4 - 8. Registration is required for Book Bunch. Please call or stop by the library to sign up for the following dates: Thursday, November 18th, 3:45 - 4:30 - All are invited to the **Children's Book Week Party!** (no registration required for the party) Thursday, December 9th, 3:45 - 4:30 and Thursday, January 20th 3:45 - 4:30

The Literary Café - A book discussion group for students in grades 5-8. Call or visit our website for dates and information. Upcoming meeting dates and times are:

Monday, November 22nd, 7:00 - 7:45pm

Monday, December 13th, 7:00 - 7:45pm

Hope to see you soon at the library!

~Lorreen M. Keating, Youth Services Librarian

News from Winnacunnet

School is back in full swing and things are really happening at WHS. The groundbreaking ceremony for the building project was held on September 10 and was attended by about 100 persons, along with representatives from all of the communities.



Thanks for your support.

The gym construction will begin in a couple of weeks and will be ready for occupancy after April vacation 2005. At that time, the existing gym will be sectioned off and work will begin there for our new cafeteria.

Chelsea Quackenbush, a senior at WHS and a resident of North Hampton, was recently presented with a brand new laptop by Governor Benson as one of the winners in a statewide summer reading initiative. Two students from each grade (1-12) were selected as recipients in this reading program.

~Brenda Quackenbush, Chair,
WHS Board



Keeping Kids Fit at North Hampton School

The long-term objective of our Physical Education program at North Hampton School is to teach students the skills necessary to be active for life. They learn to self-assess their fitness levels, interpret assessment results, plan personal programs, and motivate themselves to remain active throughout their lives. We started this process last spring and now have a base line fitness level for each student. We also sat with each student and set fitness goals for the summer, which were then sent home along with their Physical Best Fitness results. This fall we will be training a group of parents to come and assist us in administering the Physical Best test. In addition, we provide nutritional education with the goal of teaching students to make healthy choices regarding food consumption. In conjunction with this, we are writing a grant to receive financial resources to reduce and prevent obesity.

Through the reporting of our Physical Best Test results to the New Hampshire Healthy Schools Coalition through the University of New Hampshire, the coalition is able to gather significant data on health and fitness levels of New Hampshire's children. It was found that obesity is at an epidemic level in the state of New Hampshire. The national average for obesity in students is 15%. In New Hampshire, the obesity level for girls is 18% and the level for boys is 22%. The state's children are significantly more overweight than the national average. Two agencies in the state of NH are now funding grants to help solve this issue. The agencies are The HNH Foundation and The New Hampshire Healthy Schools Coalition.

North Hampton School is applying for the two grants that are available in the state of NH. These agencies will grant funds to those schools willing to facilitate program, policy and environmental changes designed to promote physical activity and healthy eating among school children. Our grant proposal is to create a walking track at the school and to give each student access to a pedometer to record their steps during the school day. We will also include a component on nutrition in the grant. Currently, we are forming a task force to assist us in the grant process and hope to utilize the many professional sources in North Hampton. We look forward to working together as a community for the health and wellbeing of our children. We will keep you updated as we progress through this process.

~ Pat Yeaton, PE Teacher, NHS

~Tara Rossi, Assistant Principal

Artist of the Month

Each month we are pleased to welcome a new artist to display work in our Craig meeting room. Nora Tuthill of Kensington will be exhibiting with us for the first time, in November. Nora is a resident of Kensington and a member of the Seacoast Artist Association. We hope you'll find time to stop in and see her work.

We are pleased to note that in December we will again be welcoming North Hampton artist Janet Carlson. You may remember Janet's last exhibit, a wonderful series of large oil portraits of nursing home residents. I'm not sure what she's bringing to us this time, so you'll have to come in to see for yourself.

We thank all the artists who have shared their work with us this year. It's such a pleasure to walk into our meeting room and see the talents of so many different persons displayed each month. It's an art gallery right here in the library!

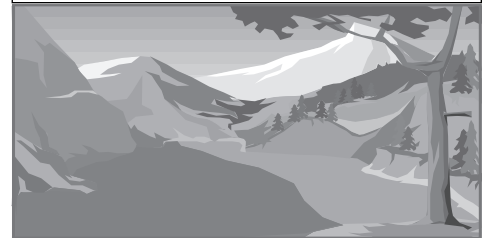
~Pam Schwotzer, Library Director.

North Hampton Historical Society

Our November meeting is in tune with the fall season and all the beautiful scenery in New Hampshire. It is entitled "White Mountains by Railroad and by Car" and will be presented by Harold Fernald. Mr Fernald has many beautiful slides to show us. The date is November 15, 2004 at 7:30pm and, the place is the North Hampton Public Library. As usual, refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy!

The December meeting is for members only. We are selling chances for a Shaws \$100 gift certificate, which can be bought from any member, or by calling me at 964-8829. The drawing will be held December 20, 2004.

~Janet Taylor, President



High School Book Group

Like to read and discuss books? Join other teens from the lower seacoast who enjoy reading. Lorreen Keating, Youth Librarian at North Hampton Library, and Anna Nelson, of Seabrook Library, moderate the group. The group meets once a month in local restaurants. Call the library or visit the teen page of our web site for information about upcoming meetings and books.

~Lorreen Keating, Youth Services Librarian



Friends of the Library



Many thanks to **Suzette Miller** for doing a terrific job organizing the George Miller Memorial Clambake on October 9th. She and her committee, in addition to the young family members who returned from college to help out, did an outstanding job in making this event such enjoyable and successful time. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for enhancing our Library services.

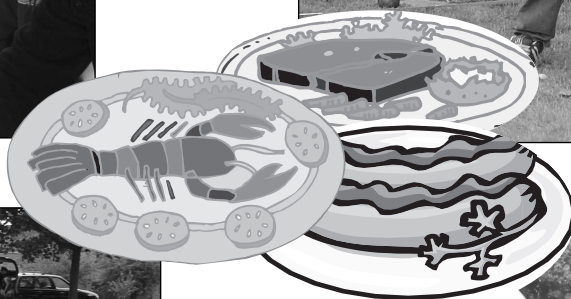
We urge everyone to visit the Library in order to see the teen area. The furnishings comprise a bistro table, stools, lounge chairs, and an area rug, all of which were provided by the Friends. Our thanks to Youth Services Librarian Lorreen for making this area an inviting place for young people to visit.

If you have not responded to the Friends's letter soliciting membership for 2004, please do so as soon as you can, for it is your contributions that enable the Friends to bring about positive changes in our Library—every bit counts and is greatly appreciated. Our new campaign will begin next year.

Although we've had some response to our request for people to display their collections in the Library's cabinet, our problem of keeping the cabinet filled remains. It might encourage those of you who hesitate to share your collections with us if you could hear the lovely responses of those visitors to the Library who do stop to look in the display cabinet. So, please do participate—just leave your name with the person at the front desk, and someone will call you. Also, please remember that we invite you to use the suggestion box on the front desk. Ideas in regard to programs, fundraisers, and items to consider for purchase are most welcome.

Best wishes to one and all for a very Happy Thanksgiving.

~Margaret M. Kelleher, Chair



The 2nd Annual George Miller Clambake was fun for all ages. Besides the great food, the Clambake was a chance to try bocce...or enjoy a performance by Martha Dana and her wonderful puppets.

Voter Registration and Election 2004

Although the cutoff date for advance voter registration was Saturday, Oct. 3, North Hampton residents may also register and vote on Election Day itself. Documents needed to register to vote are a photo ID, or current mail with your North Hampton address.

Voting will be held **Tuesday, November 2, 2004** at the North Hampton Elementary School, located at 201 Atlantic Avenue, from 8:00am to 7:00pm. Please call the Town Clerk, Delores Chase, at 603-964-6029 if you have any questions.

Sample Ballot for North Hampton General Election: November 2, 2004

Straight Ticket REPUBLICAN	For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than ONE	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than ONE
Straight Ticket DEMOCRATIC	RUTH L. GRIFFIN Republican & Democratic	EDWARD R. BUCK III Republican
	Write-in	DAVID AHEARN Democratic
For President and Vice President of the United States Vote for not more than ONE	For State Senator Vote for not more than ONE	Write-in
GEORGE W. BUSH	JOHN E. LYONS, JR. Republican	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than ONE
"DICK" CHENEY	MARTHA FULLER CLARK Democratic	CATHY STACEY Republican
Republican	Write-in	"HERB" MOYER Democratic
JOHN F. KERRY	For State Representatives Vote for not more than Eight (8)	Write-in
JOHN EDWARDS	ROGERS J. JOHNSON Republican	For Register of Probate Vote for not more than ONE
Democratic	APRIL HERSEY MASON Republican	ANDREW CHRISTIE, JR. Republican
RALPH NADER	MARSHALL E. QUANDT Republican	DEBRA CRAPO Democratic
PETER MIGUEL CAMEJO	"MATT" QUANDT Republican	Write-in
Independent	CARL G. ROBERTSON Republican & Democratic	For County Commissioner Vote for not more than ONE
Write-in	KURT J. ROESSNER Republican	KATHARIN "KATE" PRATT Republican
For Governor Vote for not more than ONE	"DOUG" SCAMMAN Republican	RICHARD T. DiPENTIMA Democratic
CRAIG R. BENSON Republican	STELLA SCAMMAN Republican	Write-in
JOHN LYNCH Democratic	MARLOWE BERGENDOFF Democratic	
Write-in	EILEEN FLOCKHART Democratic	
For United States Senator Vote for not more than ONE	R. NEAL KIMBALL Democratic	
JUDD GREGG Republican	"RON" MIRSKY Democratic	
DORIS GRANNY D HADDOCK Democratic	CHARLES E. PROULX Democratic	
Write-in	KATHLEEN "TRINKA" RUSSELL Democratic	
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than ONE	Write-in	
JEB BRADLEY Republican	For Sheriff Vote for not more than ONE	
JUSTIN NADEAU Democratic	"DAN" LINEHAN Republican	
Write-in	BRETT ANTUL-CABRAL Democratic	
	Write-in	
	For County Attorney Vote for not more than ONE	
	"JIM" REAMS Republican & Democratic	
	Write-in	

Community Health Screening

Life Line Screening will be returning to North Hampton on Saturday, January 15, 2005 beginning at 9:00 am at the North Hampton United Church of Christ. Life Line Screening enables you to be checked for vascular disease or osteoporosis as part of your prevention plan. State of the art equipment is used with sophisticated ultrasound technology to provide painless non-invasive screenings. All participants receive a detailed results packet to review and share with their physicians.

A physician typically cannot order an ultrasound evaluation for someone who has no symptoms of vascular disease. Studies, however, show that approximately one-half of all stroke victims have no prior warning signs. The four tests are ten minutes long and include:

Carotid Vascular/Stroke Test (\$45.00) - This test scans the carotid arteries in the neck for plaque build-up. Up to 75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage.

Abdominal Aneurysm Test (\$45.00) - This test scans for the existence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta which often does not present any obvious symptoms.

Ankle Brachial Test (\$45.00) - This test screens for peripheral artery disease (plaque build-up) in the lower extremities, which is linked to heart disease.

Osteoporosis Screening (\$35.00) - This test screens for the abnormal bone mass density using the heel bone as a testing site.

Package prices are available. Complete vascular only screenings are \$109.00; all four screenings are \$129.00. Sign-up early to schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-324-1851. Walk-in registrations are not available. Please contact Janet Sanborn RN, Parish Nurse, at the North Hampton UCC 964-8687 if you have questions.

www.lifelinescreening.com.

~Janet Sanborn, Parish Nurse

Check Out Our Website!

Have you noticed the Library's website? We've made some changes in order to make things more visible, and have added a wonderful new calendar that is searchable. That means you can put in the type of event you want to know about and the calendar will search for just those items to list for you. Go to our website at www.nhplib.org to try it out for yourself.

At this time we have all upcoming Library-sponsored events on the calendar, and we are in the process of adding all other events that take place in the Library, such as those of the Historical Society, RC Aces, and the Youth Association. This way you can easily check the time or date of a meeting you want to attend. You can also print out a notice of the event, or email it to a friend. Let us know what you think of this new addition. We thank the Friends of the Library for their generous purchase of this new software, which will improve our website and increase our ability to make information available to the community.

By the way, while you're at our website, do look over what else you can do there. You can search the Library's catalog right from your home computer, request that a book be put on reserve for you, or send us email to request a new title to be purchased. Using our online databases puts magazine indexes, many with complete texts of the articles that you need, right at your fingertips. Or you can look over the new book lists or the kids and teen pages for ideas. The Library has a lot to offer, and much of it is available to you now right at home.

~Pam Schwotzer, Library Director

North Hampton School Dates to Remember

Please join us at any of the following meetings and events!

Friday, November 5th, 7:00 pm: NHS Talent Show at WHS

Wednesday, November 17th, 9:00 am: PAL Meeting at NHS

Thursday, November 18th, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting at NHS

Tuesday, December 7th, 7:00 pm: Grade 5 and 6 Holiday Concert at NHS

Wednesday, December 15th, 9:00 am: PAL Meeting at NHS

Thursday, December 16th, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 12th, 7:00 pm: Oratoricals at WHS

Saturday, January 15th: Penny Sale at WHS

Wednesday, January 19th, 9:00 am: PAL Meeting at NHS

Thursday, January 20th, 7:00 pm: School Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 26th, 7:00 pm: Grade 7 and 8 Winter Concert at WHS

For more information on any of the above events, contact Tara Rossi at 964-5501.





I am only one, But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do the something
that I can do. -

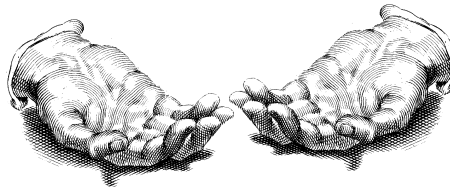
Edward Everett Hale, *Lend a Hand*

Helping Hands

The PAL Volunteer Committee reports a strong start to volunteer placement this year at North Hampton School. "It's gone very well," said committee chair Sue MacLaughlin. "People want to help." All classrooms have room parents and volunteers to help assemble Friday folders. Classroom volunteers are helping teachers in a variety of ways such as reading to children, binding and "publishing" student work and chaperoning field trips. Volunteers also share knowledge and skills linked to learning: In third grade a volunteer is teaching astronomy. In eighth grade community members will speak about boat-building and engineering. In other parts of the school, volunteers have signed up to help with the Harvest Fest, shelving books in the library, assisting **Nurse Julie**, working at the book fair, updating the school sign, creating bulletin boards and much more. The eighth grade is still seeking someone to speak with them about the Holocaust. Fourth grade would like someone with experience or interest in American Indians. Help is also needed in the band room (no knowledge of music required), the school store, with the Lighthouse Kids and to help the physical education teachers perform fitness tests.

If you can help or would like more information, please contact Volunteer Committee chairs **Tamera Saal** (964-6047) or **Sue MacLaughlin** (964-1676).

*~PAL is People Active in Learning,
North Hampton School's PTO.*



Jingle Books

Holiday book fair at NHS Children's books make wonderful gifts! PAL will hold a Holiday Book Fair Wednesday, Dec. 1 through Wednesday, Dec. 8 in the gym lobby at North Hampton School during school hours. Students will visit with their classes, but parents and community members are welcome to shop anytime the fair is open. The book fair will also be open the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 7 before and during the Holiday Concert. The book fair is coordinated with Scholastic Books. Funds raised are dedicated to student enrichment and the annual artist-in-residence program held each spring. For information, contact **Sue Flagg**, book fair chairwoman and enrichment committee member at 964-3902.



PAL PTO held a back-to-school breakfast for parents on Wednesday, Sept 15. The chairs of the volunteer, fundraising, social, enrichment and publicity committees were introduced and they explained their committees' functions. Information was shared on upcoming events and fundraisers. Parents perused sign up sheets looking for the perfect volunteer jobs.

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings

* Board of Selectmen	2nd and 4th Mondays	7:00pm	Herbert Room
* Recreation Commission	1st Monday	6:00pm	NHPL
* Planning Board	1st Tuesday	7:00pm	Town Hall
* Zoning Board	3rd Wednesday	7:00pm	Upstairs Conference Room
* Historical Society	3rd Monday	7:30pm	NHPL, March-May, Sept.-Nov.
* Woman's Club	1st Wednesday	1:00pm	UCC Church, October-May
* PAL	3rd Wednesday	9:00am	NHS CafÈ
* North Hampton School Board	3rd Thursday	7:00pm	NHS Library
* WHS School Board	4th Wednesday	7:00pm	WHS
* Centennial Hall	1st Monday	7:00pm	Centennial Hall
* Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Herbert Room
* Book Discussion Group	2nd Thursday	2:00pm	NHPL
* North Hampton School Council	2nd Wednesday	3:15-4:30pm	NHS
* North Hampton Youth Association	1st Tuesday	7:00pm	NHPL
* Heritage Commission	3rd Thursday	9:30am	Heritage Room, Town Office

Why the Annual Oratorical Contest Needs You!

This January 12th (snow date the 13th) will mark the 41st time that seventh-and eighth-grade students, selected by peers and teachers, will present the final drafts of their speeches on stage at the auditorium at Winnacunnet High School.

In the past we have focused on the teachers' planning, the students' preparation and practice, and the role the parents play in supporting each speaker. One other very important factor is you, the audience. Your attention and reaction, your eye contact and laughter, feed the speaker, providing confidence and a buffer for rampaging nerves. The audience bonds together to lift the students' spirits by providing immediate feedback. Thunderous applause usually concludes each performance. The greater the diversity among the audience members, the more varied the reactions will be. Words and sentences and whole paragraphs appeal to some portion of the listeners, and the students know that what they have to say is valued by the larger community in which they live. Why else would so many non-relatives come out on a cold January night to hear what 12-15 year olds have to say?

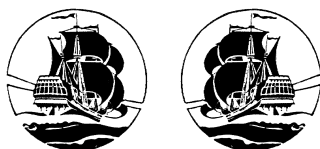
The promise of being respected works like a magnet in compelling the students to try their very hardest, to do their very best for people who may not even know them! It is impossible to underrate the importance that this message holds for our aspiring orators. Most of them spend many hours revising the written text, and then many more rehearsing and honing the actual delivery.

After many, many years as the "director", I learned to expect the unexpected. Students who had been soft spoken, almost anemic during practice, came to life as soon as the first ripple of laughter echoed in the audience. Students who had to be constantly reminded to "look up and out at the people to whom you are speaking" suddenly knew every word and never even looked at the paper on the podium! One young man transformed into a living, breathing infomercial before our very eyes—even his parents were astounded! A tiny seventh grade girl marched onto the stage and commanded us to sit up straight as she described the job of a Marine drill sergeant. On one occasion the microphone wasn't working after the intermission, and the young woman sidestepped the stand and reached way down deep inside herself to find the volume she needed to be heard in the rafters, and the audience clapped their hands raw in appreciation. Another eighth grade boy was stunned to find himself headed for his seat on the stage and almost balked. I held my breath as he tentatively approached the mike, and then he heard the audience's giggles after he captured their interest with his opening joke, and he was off and running. I stared in disbelief as he began to ad lib humor that I knew was not in his copy!

We need all of you, young and old (well, old enough to sit through two hours of speeches politely and attentively!), male and female, relatives and community members and classmates, to mark your calendar early. Your presence is a critical ingredient in the continued appeal and success of the **Wayne I. Elliot Oratorical Contest**. Who knows, maybe one day it will be a North Hampton Oratorical participant taking part in an election year debate, or interpreting a law, or demonstrating a new product. You can proudly proclaim that you helped prepare him or her by being a member of the audience when it all started.

Thank you from all of us for your caring enough to be an active part of this endeavor!

~Karen Weinhold



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2004						
	1 * Centennial Hall * Recreation Commission	2 * Story Time * Vote * Planning Board * N. H. Youth Assoc.	3 * Story Time * Women's Club	4	5 * NHS Talent Show	6
7	8 * Board of Selectman * Recreation Commission * Centennial Hall	9 * Story Time * Conservation Commission	10 * Story Time * North Hampton School Council	11 Library Closed Veterans' Day	12	13
14	15 * Historical Society	16 * Story Time * State Primary Election – 8am - 7pm – Town Hall	17 * Story Time * Zoning Board * PAL	18 * Heritage Comm * "Lets Book" * NHS Board * NH Forever * Book Discussion	19	20
21	22 * Literary Café * Board of Selectman	23 * Story Time	24 * Story Time * WHS School Board	25 Library Closed Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30 * Story Time				

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December 2004						
			1 * Story Time * Women's Club	2	3	4
5	6 * Recreation Commission * Centennial Hall	7 * Story Time * Planning Board * N. H. Youth Assoc. * Grds. 5&6 Holiday Concert	8 * Story Time * North Hampton School Council	9 * Book Bunch * Book Discussion Group	10	11
12	13 * Literary Café * Board of Selectman	14 * Story Time * Conservation Comm.	15 * Story Time	16 * Heritage Commission * NHS Board * NH Forever * Heritage Comm.	17	18
19	20	21 *	22 * WHS School Board	23	24 Library Closed Christmas	25
26	27 * Board of Selectman	28 *	29	30	31 Library Closed New Year	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2005						
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2	3 * Recreation Commission * Centennial Hall	4 * Planning Board * N. H. Youth Assoc.	5 * Woman's Club	6	7	8
9	10 * Board of Selectman	11 * Conservation Comm.	12 * North Hampton School Council * Oritorials	13 * Book Discussion Group	14	15 * Penny Sale
16	17 Library Closed Civil Rights Day	18	19 * Zoning Board * PAL	20 * NH Forever * Book Bunch * Heritage Comm. * NHS Board	21	22
23	24 * Board of Selectman	25 * Story Time	26 * Story Time * WHS School Board * Grds. 7&8 Winter Concert	27	28	29
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Mystery Photo

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